Selection of peons in the Ayurveda Department.

73. *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Public Service Commissioner was responsible for the selection of three peons recently in the Ayurvedic Department;

(*b*) whether they are the Director's personal peons; and

(*c*) whether anybody's claims were overlooked in effecting those appointments?

MR. P. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No. Permission was given to the Honorary Director, as a special case, to appoint the three peons.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether he wrote to the Service Commissioner that he being a caste Hindu only caste Hindus should be sent to him?

MR. P. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: The Director's correspondence with the Public Service Commissioner is not known to Government.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether the selection was done in accordance with the Public Service Commissioner's Rules?

MR. P. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: No, Sir.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether the candidate selected is in the list of the Service Commissioner.

MR. P. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Sir, it is stated in the answer that the peons were appointed as a special case, with the sanction of the Government.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know, on what principle that sanction was based?

MR. P. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: I have already stated that this was done as a special case. In consideration of the fact that the selected candidates should have some elementary knowledge of the Ayurvedic system so that they might be of some assisantance to the Director out of office hours, sanction was given to the Director to select the peons.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Are there no claimants in the Ayurvedic Dispensary or Hospital qualified for this post?

MR. P. PARAMESAVARAN PILLAI: The Honorary Director might have considered the claims of those in the Department and outside.

Ayurveda School at Vaikom

74. *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any application has been received by them in 1114 from the Manager of the Ayurveda School at Vaikam; and

(*b*) if so, what that application was for and the action taken thereon?

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